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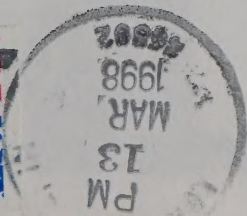
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## This Months Program "RF Exposure Rules Part II"

### March Presidents Column

The review of the new FCC rules on RF exposure brought quite a few questions from our members at the meeting. Many were answered during the presentation. This month's meeting program will be part 2 of the RF exposure rules and concentrate on how to make use of the optional form provided by the OT65B bulletin. It will also stress the importance of performing the evaluation on your own station, not only for your and your families own safety, but also how having a station evaluation may provide a good defense should you be challenged by neighbors. Hope to see you there on Friday, March 20.

The foxhunt this month was conducted on Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. There were three teams in the hunt for the elusive fox. And elusive it was as the first team to locate the fox consisting of Carl Ritzenhouse (N9NRO), Dave (N9LOV) and Katie Evans, and I (N9WS) spent 15 minutes to locate it after we were within 100 feet of the

transmitter. It was well hidden in a tire on the school playground by Kim (KB9DOT) and Jim (KB9DOS) Machamer and Clint Stedge (KB9LOF). Tying for second place were the teams of Jim (K9OMA) and Ann (KA9YYI) Pliett and Ryan Crawford (KA8WEO) and friend. It was a lot of fun for all. Join us on next month's foxhunt to be held on Sunday, April 5, at 1:30 p.m. starting in Shoaff Park.

A Call for Help! As mentioned at the club meeting in February, we need to provide instruction to prospective hams and hams who

nator and volunteers to man an educational branch of our club. Someone, please step forward and head this effort. Please contact me (471-5492 or e-mail at wstock@concentric.net) to get this key service started.

Upcoming events of interest to club members:

ACARTS Skywarn Training – 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 17

Club Meeting – 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 20

Foxhunt – 1:30 p.m. Sunday, April 5

FWRC Board Meeting – 7:30 Thursday, April 9

See you at the meeting on Friday, March 20.

73s Bill N9WS

**Next Meeting  
Friday 3/20/98  
at the Good Shepherd  
United Methodist  
Church  
Corner of Vance Ave  
and Reed Rd**

would like to upgrade their license. This is a service that is vital to our amateur radio hobby as it is essential that we continue to add additional members to our ranks. With every day that passes it seems that there is a new challenge to the ham bands or their use. One of the best ways to protect our hobby is to grow our membership and thus our representation in Congress. To this end, we need a coordi-

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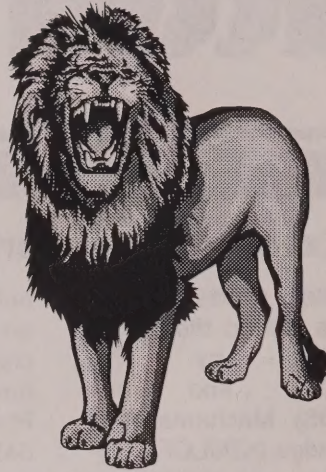
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## February Minutes



1. The February meeting of the Ft. Wayne Radio Club was held at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church on 20 February, 1998. There were about 30 people present and the meeting was hosted by President Bill Stockslager.

2. The January Minutes were read and there were no corrections.

3. Treasurer Bob Streeter summarized the Club's financial positions as follows:

January income  
-\$785.95 (about 45% of the membership have paid their '98 dues)

January expenses  
-\$167.50

Cash balance  
-\$7358.38 (Thru end of January)

4. Bill Stockslager noted that all of the repeaters appeared to be working ok.

5. Call Rittenhouse reported that the February Foxhunt has been won by Vic Keller, N9GK, and the next hunt would occur as usual the first

Sunday in March starting at 13:30 from Schoaf Park. Carl also announced that a new simplified Foxhunt scoring system was being implemented. Three points will be gained for coming in 1st, two points for coming in 2nd, one point for coming in 3rd, and one and one half points will be gained for being the Fox.

6. Bill Stockslager announced that the Club's plans to provide community support to our meeting place host, the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, was proceeding. Everyone will agree that the meeting facilities provided to the Club by the church are first class. When the church was first approached about providing facilities for our meetings, it was agreed that we would explore some form of support towards the church in partial payment for the facilities provided. Bill Hall has been working with the church Elders and noted that the church will be installing new landscaping around the newly constructed addition to the church in about six to eight weeks and this may provide FWRC the opportunity to donate some weekend manpower in installing scrubs in support of the landscaping task. Bill Hall will keep us informed as this opportunity to repay our gracious hosts develops.

7. Bill Stockslager noted that plans are moving forward for the Dayton Hamfest Bus. We will provide, for sure, a 47 passenger bus, and perhaps a 57 passenger unit if things work out. The fee charged is \$20.00 per per-

son and it will depart for the Hamfest around 04:00 on Saturday May 16, 1998 and return to Ft. Wayne around 19:00. This is an outstanding way to spend a stress free day at the Hamfest. Contact Kevin Adam at (219) 490-7312, or at "kevin@centralnet.net" if you have e-mail capability if your interested in joining the crew that populates the bus. Seats go quick so don't wait!

8. Bill Stockslager commented on the plans to provide the FWRC with a little Public Relations exposure along with providing Community Support by noting that Carole Burke has arranged for six club members to participate in the WFWA - TV 39 Public Television Telethon on the evening of March 13. Six club members will be on live at the TV-39 studio during program breaks that solicit financial support for TV-39's operation.

9. Bill announced that the Spring Banquet is being targeted for Friday 8 May and will be club meeting. Some discussion occurred because of possible conflicts with activities planned for the Church that evening, and Bill Hall agreed to resolve the potential issue. Previous analysis by the Board of Directors, in analyzing the Club's budget, had determined that the Spring Banquet needed to be a carry-in affair because of the financial capabilities of the Club. So the Spring Banquet will be a carry-in in regards all food with the exception of drinks, condi-

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ments and placements. The exact date of the Banquet will be resolved and published in the Hamsplatter in the near future. Probable dates are either 8 May or 22 May.

10. Becky Stockslager announced that the Board of Directors was investigating the possibility of developing a "Ham Cookbook" that would contain receipts with a Ham Radio bent and that could be used to raise funds to supplement the Club treasury. The FWRC Hamfest was a significant input to the club in terms of cash flow but is no longer providing a supplement to the Treasury. Becky's prior experience with Cookbooks in PTA activities suggests that a Cookbook can provide a means of supplementing the Club's bank account. Note that we are pulling in the reigns on the Spring banquet because of the realities of the Club's budget. The Cookbook is a way that Club members can support the Club, and enhance what the club can provide with a minimal effort on the part of the Club membership. The Cookbook would contain about six different sections and would consist of recipes from club members. We would expect to have recipes for things like "Field Day Chili", Contest Cookies" and so forth. Donation of a recipe would immortalize your culinary expertise and your call sign. Becky estimates that development of a cookbook with subsequent sales of 200 copies (at about \$8.00 per copy) would net about \$480 to the Club coffers; sale of 400 copies could net around

\$1000 to the club. We would sell the Cookbook to Club members and at various Hamfests. Becky and Carole Burke have volunteered to honcho the project, but it will depend upon submittal of recipes from members to make it a success. A decision to proceed with this initiative was put to a vote with the members present and the motion was passed. Therefore Becky and Carole will proceed with this initiative.



11. Bill Stockslager commented that the Club's Board had concluded that an Education Committee needs to be constituted to support the very important requirement to provide training for new and upgrading Hams. This has been a historic initiative of the Club throughout its existence. However, Club members who have historically provided the labor to implement the necessary code and theory training that develops new Hams and upgrades existing Hams are retired, and many have moved out of the area. Development of new Hams into the hobby is fundamental to our hobby's existence. So Bill is asking for a member to volunteer to be a coordinator of this activity, and is also asking for members who can provide code and theory training. Our hobby

won't survive without this kind of commitment, so contact Bill if you are interested in supporting this important initiative.

12. Bill Hall noted that a meeting that can involve Amateur Radio Emergency Services in support of the Sky Warn Program would be provided by the Weather Service at Touchstone on 17 March, 1998 starting at 7pm. Interested members should contact Bill Hall regarding details and directions to Touchstone.

13. The 50-50 raffle was conducted by Becky Stockslager. \$20.00 was in the kitty to be shared by the winner and the club. The winner was Wilbur Ort, KB9IQW.

14. Following the regular Club meeting, Bill Stockslager gave the first of a two part presentation on the analysis and reporting requirements that have recently been imposed upon Hams relative to RF Exposure. The second part of this presentation will be provided at next month's meeting.

RESPECTFULLY  
SUBMITTED,

AL BURKE, WB9SSE





## SKYWARN TRAINING

The 1998 Skywarn training for amateur radio operators will be conducted by a National Weather Service (NWS) representative at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday evening March 17 at the Turnstone Center for Disabled Children and Adults. The facility is a large building behind the Firefighters Credit Union at 3320 North Clinton. (Across Clinton from Balser's Rentals)

The easiest access is to proceed just North of the Credit Union to Livingston Av. Turn right (East) for about a hundred or so feet and then right again into the Turnstone parking lot. The building is L shaped and the main entrance is in the inside corner of the L. Look for the canopy that overhangs the entrance and sidewalk.

The main instructional topic for the evening will be the criteria for those observations the NWS wants/needs reported. Also there will be some comments as to where and how to report locally and how the information will be forwarded to the new NWS office at South Webster.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, contact Bill Hall, WD9HII, at 485-3995.



## ARRL LETTER and E-MAIL

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